

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

[0009] (Currently amended) An indicator paint (which may also be termed an “indicator coating”) is prepared having an impact-sensitive component that produces a visible persistent change when subjected to a mechanical impact. The visible change is preferably a color change or a mechanical change to the surface (e.g., a rumpling of the surface of the paint) that is visible in the visible spectrum, but it may be of other types such as heat emission (visible in the infrared). The indicator paint typically includes a first reactant and a second reactant. The first reactant and the second reactant may be separated by a barrier that is ruptured when the indicator paint is subjected to the impact. This structure of the indicator paint may typically be implemented by encapsulating one (or both) of the reactants to provide the rupturable barrier.